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Make This A Red Cross Christmas

TO THE TOWNSHIP CHAIRMAN RED CROSS CHRISTMAS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE—GREETING:

On account of the very inclement weather and almost impossible condition of the highways it has been directed by Judge Wells, manager, that, instead of terminating this drive on the 25th it be extended to December 31, that special stress should be placed on this Campaign during next Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 22, 23 and 24, that any person, either lady or gentleman, be, and is hereby, authorized to procure enrollment blanks and solicit enlistments to the Red Cross, and that these workers take their instruction from the township Chairman from whom they get the enrollment blank.

Yours for success,
J. W. SAMPLE,
Secretary Red Cross Christmas Membership Drive

Southeast News.

Poplar Bluff business men are trying to reach an agreement to shorten their business hours thereby effecting a saving of fuel this winter.

The commercial club at Farmington is trying to induce the Brown Shoe company to locate a factory in that thriving city, using the Carlton college buildings for the plant.

Some of the people of Caruthersville were compelled to remain in bed part of the time last week to keep from freezing on account of the scarcity of fuel, the papers down there say.

Sikeston Herald.

The market for acorns has been developed in the Ozark regions by the high price of corn. A farmer living near Poplar Bluff is paying 50 cents a bushel for acorns to feed his hogs and reports it as profitable as feeding corn at \$1.00 a bushel.

Sikeston Herald.

The Losse hotel, a three-story frame building at Forneft, was completely destroyed by fire Monday night between 9 and 10 o'clock. Fortunately those who were sleeping in the hotel escaped from the building. The loss is estimated at \$4500.

Bismarck Gazette.

Notices have been posted by the St. Joseph Lead company at all their shafts that after the 15th day of December only men would be hired or kept in their employ who are American citizens or who have taken out their first citizenship papers.

Lee Pikey of Marston, New Madrid county, died last Friday from the effects of a blow dealt him over the head by his cousin, Theodore Pikey. He was 46 years of age. The trouble arose, it is reported, over an account Lee Pikey owed his cousin for auto hire and occur-

red at the latter's garage in Marston. St. Joseph Observer.

It is not unusual for careless hunters to slaughter stock, but a more serious case is reported from near Flemington. While Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cathron were husking corn in a field their two-year-old son remained in a wagon. They heard no rifle shot, but suddenly the little fellow was struck in the head by a stray bullet and died shortly afterwards.

Dunklin Democrat.

Frank P. Sterrett, who cultivates the farm of Congressman Joseph J. Russell, three miles west of Charleston, established a new record this year in the raising of cow-peas. Thirty acres were planted in peas, and not only yielded an abundance of pea hay at \$18 per ton, but also a large quantity of cow-peas. The output of the thirty acres was sold for \$2400, an average of \$80 per acre.

Exchange.

While running the saw thru a log that was hollow at one end E. S. Thornton, the head sawyer, heard a squeak and supposed the saw had cut a nail in two. Great was his surprise when he saw blood spurting from the log as soon as the plank was removed. A mink had made his winter quarters in the log which had been brought to Lilbourne from up west of Kewanee. The saw cut the mink in two, ruining the hide, which is said to be worth about \$8.

Dexter Messenger.

David Madrid, a well known merchant of New Madrid had both hands so badly frozen during the blizzard of Saturday that it is thought that one will have to be amputated. In company with Mat Conran and Murray Phillips and a chauffeur he left Cape Girardeau, where he had been transacting business, for his home Friday just before the snow storm. The party reached a point between Benton and Morley when the automobile stuck in a snow drift. In attempting to get the machine about Mr. Mann had his hands frozen. He is still at a farm house near by under treatment.

St. Joseph Observer.

The second honor road camp in Missouri providing work for the twenty-five prisoners from the state penitentiary has been established at Kennett, Dunklin county. The state road under construction extends east from the Arkansas state line through Kennett to the Pemiscot county line, a distance of eight miles, and a project is now under consideration to extend the road twelve miles east through Hayti to Caruthersville. An idea of the importance of this road is gained from the fact that it is now necessary to drive a distance of more than 125 miles around a swamp in order to travel by wagon or auto from Kennett to Hayti. When this road is constructed the distance will be twenty miles.

Fredericktown Tribune.

Simon Durand, who died at his home south of this city December 4, 1917, had his wealth stored under the house in a tin box. It contained \$10,500 in bonds against the cities of St. Louis, Seattle and Little Rock, \$6000 against the Mexican government and \$1520 in cash. Besides this he owns 500 acres of land. Before his death he gave John A. Chapman a 300-acre farm, to Sam King \$1000 and Mrs. J. S. Graham \$500. In his will he gave Joe Sullivan \$500 and the widow of his former partner \$4000 and if she be dead to her heirs. The remainder of the property was not disposed of and will go to the Missouri university, as he had no heirs. Mr. Durand came to this county from France 64 years ago at the age of 24. He had been married but was divorced.

Camp Funston, Kansas

December 14, 1917.

THE MARBLE HILL PRESS:

We have been about three months in the service. In another three months we will be in France then some of you will take our place and so on until the war is won.

We take a great deal of interest in what the people are doing back home and if they are helping win the war as they promised the night we left. You should have seen the boys go over the list of names who contributed to the Y. M. C. A. and the different remarks about some whose names were not there, also about the names of some who were there, especially the amount opposite their names. How do you imagine we feel when we are giving all we have and some would-be leading citizen of Bollinger county with his broomstick patriotism pokes out fifty cents for the Red Cross or Y. M. C. A.? If we can give all you surely can give until it hurts.

There are about 150 of us from Bollinger county and more coming. The majority of us will come back, some without arms and legs and some not at all, on account of lack of bandages and attention, and you can bet your dear life we will remember who were for us and who were against us, not only in a business way but every other way.

Now, to the good people of Bollinger county, wake up and realize that we are at war, do your trading with the people who are behind us and don't fail to give the cold shoulder to the slacker. Rub it in every chance you get, for when you step on a dog's tail he always howls. At present there are 1600 in the base hospital, sick. Some are in tents on account of lack of buildings so you can see what we are up against. What will it be in France? We need doctors, nurses and everything. The Red Cross is known as "Angel of Mercy". Do you belong? If not what are you going to do

about it?

Before I close I want to say that the W. M. C. girls sure know how to make candy. Thanks.

Sincerely,

PAUL WITMER.

Wants "America" Sung Round the World on Christmas Morning

A Christmas morning world encircling chorus to sing "America" is urged by the editor of the Etude, a musical publication, as a means of impressing upon all Americans the meaning of Americanism. The plan is, for everybody at 9 a. m. on December 25, wherever they be and in whatever engaged, to sing the anthem.

Those who are interested in the proposal are asked to talk about it to their friends, to have the teachers in the schools ask the children to remember the occasion, to ask the clergymen of the churches to have the church bells rung at that hour on Christmas day, to make some mention of the service in every letter written, and for musicians in particular to take the lead in the observance.

To the Ministers of the County

In the face of the pressing issues relative to and growing out of the European war with which we are, as a nation, vitally connected and interested, we feel that each and every citizen is expected to do all he or she can to win the war, and knowing that misunderstandings cause dissensions and fault findings, and as the great struggle continues we observe the Masons, Odd Fellows and all fraternal organizations taking a firm and outspoken stand in helping in every way to win the war.

We, the undersigned ministers of the Gospel, feel that the church should take a stand second to none in this great conflict to educate and enlighten her people that there may be no dissensions among us.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, ask each and every minister of the county to meet us in Marble Hill at 10:30 a. m. December 27, 1917, for the purpose of forming an alliance the object of which will be to educate and arouse every congregation in the county to a full realization of the seriousness of the war and the Christian duty of upholding the hands of the government.

Let no minister refuse or neglect to cooperate in this organization. We need the counsel and advice of all. God forbid that the church or any minister should be called a slacker. The weather may be bad, but if the boys can leave home and risk their lives in the trenches and on the battle field we can surely face one day's storm.

REV. J. M. WELKER,
REV. W. A. DAVAUT,
REV. H. E. CORBIN,
REV. WM. B. YOUNT.

Red Cross Notes

There was a union meeting of the Red Cross at the Baptist church Sunday night. Rev. Corbin delivered some appropriate remarks on the work we should do. Twenty-one, several already members, joined at this meeting.

The Bollinger county chapter of the American Red Cross met at the courthouse Monday evening, December 17, for the purpose of outlining usual business and outlining work of the Christmas membership campaign.

The state is divided into nine districts. Each district has a manager who advises the county managers. The county manager districts the county into units and appoints helpers to solicit members. Anyone joining the Red Cross now holds membership until December 31, 1918.

We have told the soldier boys that we are behind them. Make your word good, everybody! Get

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behind the Red Cross. Your dollar may save the life of a soldier and that soldier may be one of our own boys.

Several speeches were made Monday evening that every person in town should have heard.

Messrs. Ben and Chas. Bollinger were present from Zalma. The Zalma people are putting their work on in earnest and will be working by Thursday night. They expect to have special speakers besides local speakers.

A special speaker will be at the courthouse Thursday night. Everybody owes it to the soldier boys to attend.

Gas Masks Catch On Some Knitted Funston Helmets

The following letter from a second lieutenant in France to his brother here bears out this fact.

"You asked me if I wanted a sweater. Yes, please send me one and put the sleeves in it for one must keep one's arms warm out here. You simply cannot get things too warm for cold and dampness go through everything. In knitting helmets, be sure and make them in such a way that the upper part does not come any further than the front part of the ear, also that the forehead, all the face in front of the ear, jaw and chin are left free. If this is not done it will be impossible to use the helmet in the front line because one would be unable to put on his gas mask. If one has to take off the helmet or if the gas mask fits imperfectly the jig would be up in less time than it takes to write about it."

The gas mask is as important a piece of equipment to the soldier as his gun and because the gases sometimes come over suddenly and without warning, there must be nothing to interfere with their rapid adjustment. Often a man is struck with the fumes and is compelled to place the mask on with one hand, as he must support himself because of illness or weakness with the other, and at such critical times especially there must be nothing to interfere with the putting on of the instrument.

For these reasons the knitters should be careful that they do not cover too much of the face and forehead. It is well that they come down in the back, however.

Do You Know

the address of any of the soldier boys named below? If so, phone or write them to Mmes O. W. Yount, Geo. E. Conrad or C. M. Witmer, as they are the only ones the committee has not been able to send

Christmas boxes to for lack of addresses:

Jesse Hill,
Homer D. Chandler,
Wilbur Abernathy,
Robert Harrison Looney,
William McGee,
Wm. Purvis Crites,
John Hancock,
Avery Proffer,
Clarence Oscar Ervin,
Willie Floyd Hansen,
Benjamin F. Seabaugh,
Harley Homer Hopkins,
Manuel Harris,
Pearly Edward Seabaugh,
Fred Wills,
Harrison Wilfong,
Clippard Statler,
Chas. Pohlman,
Thos. Odna Drim,
Marion Wesley Abernathy,
Robert Lee Cook,
Cale Monroe Rhodes,
Tom Crites.

Obituary

In loving remembrance of little Gladys Pearl Seabaugh, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zach Seabaugh, who was born April 2, 1916 and was called to that beautiful home October 2, 1917. She cheered the home of her parents only 1 year and 6 months. She took sick on Friday and on Monday passed away. It seemed as though all that the family and physicians could do was in vain for God saw fit to call her to her sweet home in heaven where she will suffer no more. Weep not, dear parents, for our loss is heaven's gain.

She leaves a father, mother, little brother, a sister and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

Oh, it is sad to give her up. How sad it is to never hear her sweet voice, to never hear the patter of her little feet and to think she is gone never to return, but we have the promise of meeting her again in the heavenly home where we shall know no more parting.

Do not think of your sweet child lying in her little grave, but only as a little shining angel in heaven.

Oh, it is so sad that we must part. It makes our hearts ache and oh, it makes our homes so dark and desolate, but what God does is well done.

Weep not, dear parents, for the time will come when you can go to meet her in the beautiful home where her light will shine in her angel band.

Her little body was dressed in a robe of white and placed in a little white casket with her pretty blue eyes closed and her little hands laid on her once suffering breast and was laid to rest in the Trinity cemetery to await the resurrection.

A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is stilled;

A place is vacant in our home

Which never can be filled.

HER AUNT.